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Sir:

This response is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on January 8, 2003. The Office Action is a restriction requirement. Specifically, Applicants are to elect between three groups of invention: Group I (Claims 1-7, 21-23, and 32-35); Group II (Claims 8-16); and Group III (Claims 24-31). Applicants elect, without traverse, Group II (Claims 8-16). However, Applicants note that Group II should include, in addition to Claims 8-16, Claims 17-20 which are also product claims and which claims depend from Claim 16, a claim that has been identified to be in Group II. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that Claims 8-20 be considered on the merits.

Applicants note that they reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims.

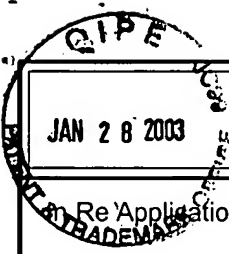
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